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The House met at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

May Your good grace, O God, be with all who call upon You, and may Your spirit of peace and reconciliation, Your word of purpose and direction, and Your command to do justice, touch each of us in the depths of our own hearts. We are aware, O gracious God, that we do not walk alone through the paths of life, but we are surrounded by Your love and by the support and encouragement of our colleagues, our friends, and our families. For all those gifts and for the blessings of each new day, we offer this prayer of thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Kansas [Mr. TIAHRT] will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TIAHRT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PRIORITY AMENDMENTS FOR MANDATE REFORM BILL; AND PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT FOR PRINTING ON HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1, THE BALANCED BUDGET CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules anticipates meeting next week to report an open rule for the consideration of H.R. 5, the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995.

The rule may include a provision giving priority in recognition to Members who have caused their amendments to be printed in the amendment section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration—though this would not be mandatory.

The amendments must still be consistent with House rules and are given no special protection by being printed.

If Members are interested in priority recognition, they may wish to print their amendments in the RECORD prior to Friday, January 20, when the bill is tentatively scheduled for consideration. It is not necessary to submit your amendments to the Rules Committee or to testify.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted to the bill as reported from the committees of jurisdiction. Amendments should be titled, "Submitted for printing under clause 6 of rule XXIII" and submitted at the Speaker's table.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules anticipates meeting the week of January 23 to report a rule for the consideration of House Joint Resolution 1, the balanced budget constitutional amendment.

The rule may include a provision permitting only the offering of amendments in the nature of a substitute by Members who have caused their amendments to be printed in the amendment section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD not later than Friday, January 20.

The amendments must still be consistent with House rules and would be given no special protection by being printed.

If Members are interested in having their amendments considered as a substitute for House Joint Resolution 1 as reported by the Judiciary Committee, they must draft them as amendments in the nature of a substitute and print them in the RECORD not later than Friday, January 20.

Amendments should be titled, "Submitted for printing under clause 6 of rule XXIII" and submitted at the Speaker's table.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 32) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 32

Resolved, That the following named Members be and they are hereby elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE OVERSIGHT

Mr. Fazio, Ranking Minority Member;
Mr. Gejdenson;
Mr. Hoyer;
Mr. Jefferson;
Mr. Pastor.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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